

# TWO GREAT BATTLES RAGING FALL OF AUTOCRACY CERTAIN

## SATANIC STRATEGY DOOMED TO FAILURE

### DRAMA OF AGES UNFOLDS

The autocratic Kaiser with his blood-thirsty hordes are pressing hard the Allies in France and Belgium. The past few weeks have marked the greatest conflict of the war. The Kaiser and his generals seem to have staked everything upon this drive, and hence have recklessly sacrificed human lives. One division after another has been thrown forward, until at times the battle front is so choked with dead German bodies that further progress for a time is impossible. The ambition of man, when controlled by evil influence, knows no bounds. Should the Kaiser succeed in his ambition, he would establish autocratic rule throughout the earth. That would greatly increase the oppression and sorrows of mankind. Every lover of liberty and righteousness is anxious to know what will be the result of this conflict. The Kaiser will not succeed. Autocracy is doomed; and it is but a short time until it shall perish from the earth. A clear understanding of the facts set forth in this issue will make plain to the reader why the Kaiser cannot succeed and why Satan and his autocratic agencies shall be forever destroyed.

The greatest drama of the ages is now reaching a climax. It has been in progress for more than sixty centuries. To the watchers its progress has opened the eyes of their understanding to an appreciation of God's wonderful plan. The earth is the stage and all the people of earth, as well as spirit beings, are players. Satan is the chief villain, aided by a large retinue of servants and adherents. Christ Jesus is the great hero, whose complete triumph in every respect is absolutely certain. When the grand finale is reached, amidst music of unsurpassed sweetness and with joy that shall fill the whole universe, every creature in heaven and on earth will bow the knee and confess that Christ is the Messiah, to the glory of God.

This great drama opens in Eden, the garden of God, with Adam and Eve, the perfect pair in possession, clothed with divine power and authority to multiply and fill the earth and to establish in earth a perfect kingdom of men and for men. They were without experience and needed an overseer and instructor. Lucifer, an angel possessed of great beauty and wisdom, was placed in Eden to oversee and instruct the perfect human pair. He observed that Jehovah had granted to man the authority to establish a kingdom on earth, in which the perfect man would have dominion over all things. As their guardian, Lucifer sought to steal the inheritance of his wards. The Prophet of the Lord describes Lucifer in Eden as a wise and beautiful creature, and how he sinned and thereby became Satan, thus: "Thou hast been in Eden, the garden of God; thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; officially appointed to act as man's overseer; and I have set thee so. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee."—Ezekiel 28:13-19.

Selfish ambition entered Lucifer's heart and he reasoned thus: "I am far greater than man. Why has not God granted me an exclusive dominion?" Jealousy was in his heart, leading him to determine to gain control of the perfect man and woman and all their offspring, and thus establish a dominion of his own. In his heart he meditated: "I will ascend into heaven; I will exalt my throne above the stars of God. I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation in the sides of the north. I will ascend above the heights of the clouds. I will be like the Most High." (Isaiah 14:13, 14) Here Lucifer fell from God's favor; and, losing his beauty of character, became Satan, designated as "that old serpent, the devil"—the author and instigator of all the wickedness that has cursed mankind.

God had commanded that Adam and Eve should not eat of certain fruit in the Garden of Eden, saying: "In the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." (Genesis 2:17) To accomplish his selfish purpose, Satan seduced Eve by convincing her that God was lying and thereby depriving them of their just rights by not permitting them to eat of the forbidden fruit. He said to Eve: "God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof your eyes shall be opened; and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. Ye shall not surely die." (Genesis 3:4, 5) This was the first lie ever told. (John 8:44) Mother Eve fell under the false representations; and then Satan put the thought into her mind to induce Adam likewise to violate the command of God, by suggesting to his mind that if he did not follow her

course they would be forever separated. And so Adam willfully violated the commandment of God. Thus Satan had broken down the will of the perfect pair and assumed control of them by injecting evil thoughts into the mind.

The judgment of God followed swiftly upon Adam and Eve. They were driven from their home in Eden into the unfinished earth, there to earn their bread in the sweat of their face. In sorrow Eve must bear her children. In pronouncing this judgment, Jehovah said to Satan: "I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." (Genesis 3:15) There God definitely declared that there would be two seeds, the seed of the woman and the seed of Satan; and that from that day forward there would be enmity between the two. Subsequent developments in the great drama of Jehovah as set forth in the Bible show that the "Seed of the woman" here mentioned is The Christ—Jesus, the Head, and his faithful followers, the members of his body; and that the seed of Satan is the great Papal ecclesiastical system, the "mother of harlots" and her "daughters," the other systems of churchianity of which Satan seized control. (Revelation 17:5; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-4) The proof of this, which follows, explains all the religious intolerance and wicked persecution of Christians in the earth during the past nineteen hundred years.

### ANGELS IN CONTROL

Satan was deprived of his position as overlord of man. Adam having lost his right of dominion, there was none in the earth with authority. Horrified at the results of Lucifer's wrongful course, the angels of heaven (sons of God) desired to uplift man; and God permitted them to attempt the task. (Hebrews 2:5; Genesis 6:1-5) These angels were granted the power to materialize in human form and to assume dominion over the affairs of earth. Satan determined that he would not be thwarted in his purpose. With malignant heart he set about to reduce these angels, his former companions in glory, and through them to retain control of man. He put it into their minds to take wives from amongst the daughters of men, which they did, thereby leaving their lofty estate. Thus Satan caused the angels to sin and fall. The offspring of this unholy alliance and their progenitors filled the earth with violence; and God announced his determination to destroy all flesh in the earth. This he did in the great Deluge.

Noah and family, eight in all, not having been contaminated by these evil ones, received favor in God's sight and were saved in the ark which Noah builded at the direction of Jehovah. Having power to materialize, this host of angels also had the power to dematerialize and again assume spirit bodies. Hence, when the great Deluge came, they were not destroyed. The Bible plainly tells us that they were restrained of their liberty, being confined in the darkness of the atmosphere near the earth. "God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to tartarus, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment." (2 Peter 2:4) "The angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains, under darkness, unto the judgment of the great day." (Jude 6) In this condition of restraint, as the Lord declared, they were to be kept until their judgment day. In the interim they have not been permitted to assume human form. God has arranged that when the time of their final judgment arrives, they must be released and granted more power, because it is repugnant to his way of dealing to put one on trial who is already undergoing a sentence. Since the great Deluge, they have had power to communicate with the human race only through the instrumentality of willing mediums; and in this respect their power has decidedly increased in recent years.

### IMPERSONATE THE DEAD

In the Scriptures, Satan is designated as "the prince of devils" or demons. (Matthew 12:24) In some manner Satan has dominated the other demons or devils. He is spoken of as "the prince of the power of the air" and "the god of this world." (Ephesians 2:2; 2 Corinthians 4:4) Satan's first lie was that communicated to

Mother Eve: "Ye shall not surely die!" and ever since, he has kept before the minds of humanity the falsehood: "There is no death." The theory that every man has an immortal soul finds its only basis in this lie of Satan. Without that falsehood, the doctrine of eternal torture could never have found a lodging place in the minds of reasonable men. Satan has ever kept before man's mind that the dead are alive—even more so than before death. The evil spirits, styled demons, under the control of Satan, have aided him in carrying out this great falsehood. They are referred to in the Scriptures as "lying spirits."

### SATAN'S LIE DISPROVED

Man is a soul. He does not possess a soul. The Bible's description of the manner of his creation reads: "The Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." (Genesis 2:7) A soul is a living, breathing creature. The word "soul" is synonymous with the word "being." Every being is a soul. God declared, "The soul that sinneth it shall die." (Ezekiel 18:4) An im-

The methods used by the evil spirits through the medium at Endor were similar to those in use today. (1 Sam. 28:7-20) From the days of the Flood until now these evil ones have been able to communicate only with those who willingly submit themselves to their influence. Some have become willing mediums. The demons often influence the mind of a human being, causing insanity or lunacy. When Jesus was on earth, he cast out many of these demons, as did also the apostles.—See Matthew 9:32, 33; 10:8; 12:22; Mark 6:1-20; 9:17-27; Luke 9:39-42.

In recent years these demons have been able to overreach some of the brightest minds amongst men, as the subsequent facts will show.

### SATAN'S WICKED COURSE

It is clear from the Scriptures that Satan believed the "Seed of the woman," according to the promise, was to be only a human seed. Children were born to Adam and Eve. Two of their sons, Cain and Abel, came to offer sacrifices unto God. Abel's sacrifice was more acceptable than that of Cain; and he therefore found favor in God's sight. Satan at once recognized Abel as the promised

## "WHY DO YOU CALL ME GOD?"



mortal creature cannot die. Satan himself is not immortal, because he will be destroyed. (Hebrews 2:14) The Apostle Paul asserted, "God only hath immortality." (1 Timothy 6:16) and that God promised and grants immortality to the "Seed of the woman"—The Christ, Head and body. (John 5:26; Romans 2:7; 1 Corinthians 15:53, 54) Jehovah and The Christ (Jesus and his church) possess immortality; no others do or ever will.

### DECEPTION BY DEMONS

When God made the law covenant with Israel, he safeguarded them against the demons by providing in the Mosaic law that any one who would consult witches, wizards or mediums should be put to death. (Exodus 22:18; Leviticus 19:31; 20:27) Saul, the King of Israel, became evil, and God withdrew his favor from him. The king then sought the witch of Endor, a spiritualistic medium, to consult her. He disguised himself so that she would not fear being put to death when he came to interview her. The demons on this occasion impersonated the Prophet Samuel, who was dead; they lied to Saul and caused his overthrow. The fallen spirits are not only well informed in respect to all the affairs of earth, but they are also adepts in deceit.

seed, and immediately injected into the mind of Cain a desire to murder his brother, which Cain did. From that time on, Satan sought to destroy every person who seemed to have the favor of God. Jehovah promised Abraham and Sarah that they should have an heir who would be a child of promise. Satan sought in vain to contaminate this seed by having Sarah debauched by Pharaoh, an instrument of the devil. In time, Esau became an heir to the promise. Satan induced Esau to sell his birthright to Jacob, and then put it in the mind of Esau to kill Jacob.

God then made promise to Jacob that his offspring would be identified with the Seed of promise; and God organized the nation of Israel and recognized them as he did no other people, and to Israel was given the promise. Satan thereupon injected into the minds of the people of every nation round about Israel the desire to destroy God's chosen people; and from time to time they made war upon the Israelites. The Lord manifested his power in delivering them so long as that nation was faithful to him. Finally the promise was confined especially to the house of David, and, being influenced by Satan, Saul was possessed of a fiendish desire to kill David, which he many times attempted to do. The Scriptures clearly

show that David was a type of the real Seed, according to the promise.

In due time, Jesus was born, as a man-child. All the prophets of Israel had foretold the birth of the new King. He was the heir of promise. Satan recognized him as the Seed and immediately put it into the mind of King Herod to kill the young child; and to accomplish this purpose, the king caused all the children of Judah, under two years of age, to be slaughtered.

### THE SEED OF PROMISE

God made promise that the "Seed of the woman" should not only bruise the serpent's head, but should ultimately destroy the "Seed of the serpent," establish a government of righteousness in the earth, and bring blessings to all the groaning creation. He specifically made this promise to Abraham, saying, "In thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed." (Genesis 22:18) The Apostle Paul particularly identifies this promise with Jesus and the church—the members of his body—denominating such as the "Seed of the woman," as promised. (Galatians 3:16, 27-29)

The development of this Seed began when Jesus was conceived at the Jordan and was there baptized. He immediately went into the wilderness and Satan, recognizing Jesus as the "Seed," sought the first opportunity to destroy him. (Matthew 4:1-11) When Jesus died upon the cross, Satan doubtless thought he had succeeded in his purpose to destroy the "Seed." Subsequently, however, Jesus arose from the dead and ascended on high. That was a surprise and disappointment to Satan. At Pentecost, the body members composing the remainder of the "Seed of promise," began to be selected and developed, which work has progressed until now. The body members of this "Seed" are designated in the scriptures under various names, such as, the church, the bride class, the wheat, the Lord's jewels, etc. Some of these have been found in the Catholic and Protestant churches all through the ages. The great Master gave a parable of the wheat and the tares (Matthew 13:24-30), showing that the "wheat" represents those who will be of the kingdom of God; while the "tares" are the children or offspring of the devil. He stated that both would grow in the same organizations until the end of the Gospel age, at which time the separation would take place. During the Gospel age, millions have been brought into the various church systems, but the Lord definitely states that only 144,000 will be in the body of Christ, constituting the "Seed" according to the promise. (Revelation 14:1-4) To this class God gives his exceeding great and precious promises; and only to those who are overcomers of the world, the flesh and the devil will he grant a share with him in his kingdom. Satan and his cohorts have ever sought to destroy this "Seed" of promise; but God has safeguarded that "Seed" as the "Apple of his eye."

### SATAN'S SEED

Development of the spiritual "Seed" according to the promise began with the baptism of Jesus at the Jordan. Satan understood that the "Seed" of promise was a seed only according to the flesh, and continued in this thought until Jesus arose from the dead. Then he began to get more light upon God's purposes. At Pentecost he saw the beginning of the selection of men to whom it was declared that if they would prove faithful unto death they should be of the "Seed" according to the promise, this "Seed" being designated as the church, or body of Christ. Thereupon Satan set about to devise ways and means to offset the "Seed" of promise by developing a "Seed" of his own; and in due time he had his "Seed" in full operation.

Antichrist means against Christ, or instead of Christ. The Christ—Jesus, the Head, and the members of the church, his body—being the "Seed" according to the promise, it follows that Satan's "Seed," which claims to be in place of Christ, is against Christ, therefore Antichrist. Even in the days of the apostles Satan was perfecting his plans to establish the Antichrist—his "Seed." (See 1 John 2:18-27) Any creature that would attempt to reign as the representative of Christ would therefore be Antichrist.

Ambition was the cause of Lucifer becoming Satan, and Satan has ever sought to put the same ambitious desire into the mind of one he would control. Satan is an autocrat, and every autocrat has been one of Satan's tools. Rome, having become a world power, began to lose that power under the rulership of Constantine. Christianity was on the increase. Satan desired to corrupt Christianity and to establish a counterfeit of Christ's kingdom. He induced the autocratic Constantine to believe that if he would profess Christianity, this would result beneficially to his kingdom. And Constantine did profess Christianity. Thereby Satan accomplished a two-fold purpose, viz., the corrupting of Christianity by

uniting civil and ecclesiastical power, and there began the development of his own "Seed," the Antichrist.

In course of time, Pagan Rome became Papal Rome and dominated the peoples of the earth. The following quotation from Lord's Old Roman World, showing how Satan corrupted the early Christian Church by uniting politics and religion, and established his own "Seed," will be read with interest:

### THE BIRTH OF ANTICHRIST

"It was not till the Fourth Century—when Constantine was converted; when the church was allied with the state; when the early faith was itself corrupted; when superstition and vain philosophy had entered the ranks of the faithful; when bishops became courtiers; when churches became both rich and splendid; when synods were brought under political influence; when monarchs (monks) had established a false principle of virtue; when politics and dogmatics went hand in hand, and emperors enforced the decrees of [church] councils—that men of rank entered the church. When Christianity became the religion of the court and of the fashionable classes, it was used to support the very evils against which it originally protested. The church was not only impregnated with the errors of Pagan philosophy, but it adopted many of the ceremonies of oriental worship, which were both minute and magnificent."

"The clergy, ambitious and worldly, sought rank and distinction. They even thronged the courts of princes and aspired to temporal honors. They were no longer supported by the voluntary contributions of the faithful, but by revenues supplied by government, or property inherited from the old [pagan] temples. Great legacies were made to the church by the rich, and these the clergy controlled. These bequests became sources of inexhaustible wealth. As wealth increased and was intrusted to the clergy, they became indifferent to the wants of the people—no longer supported by them. They became lazy, arrogant and independent. The people were shut out of the government of the church. The bishop became a grand personage, who controlled and appointed his clergy. The church was allied with the state, and religious dogmas were enforced by the sword of the monarch."

"An imposing hierarchy was established, of various grades, which culminated in the Bishop of Rome. The Emperor divided points of faith, and the clergy were exempted from the burdens of the state. There was a great flocking to the priestly offices when the clergy wielded so much power and became so rich; and men were elevated to great sees [bishops], not because of their piety or talents, but by their influence with the great. The mission of the church was lost sight of in a degrading alliance with the state. Christianity was a pagan, a ritualism, an arm of the state, a vain philosophy, a superstition, a formula."

"The scriptures show that the 'Seed of the woman' is The Christ—Jesus the Head, and the church his body. Jesus himself designates the members of his church as a 'little flock.' (Luke 12:32) When Satan organized his 'Seed,' he had the Bishop of Rome made the head, designating him as Pope, who assumed the title of Vice-Christ, or the one reigning in Christ's stead; and the cardinals and bishops and clergy in general are designated as the 'hierarchy,' composing the 'little flock'; while all those who come into the Papal system are in fact 'children of the church.' The hierarchy is the sacred governing body of the system, the word 'church' being applied to the entire system. Murphy, a well known Catholic author, in The Chair of Peter (page 304), says: 'The hierarchy is the body of clergy of divine institution, governing the church; and, as defined by the Council of Trent, is composed of bishops, priests and deacons, or ministers.'"

### "GREAT SWELLING WORDS"

The Pope, the head of the "Seed" of Satan, is the earthly spokesman for that "Seed." The Lord foretold that he would speak great swelling words, saying, "There was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven." (Revelation 13:5, 6) Monsignor Cappel, a Roman Catholic writer of note, gives a list of high-sounding titles claimed by the Pope, of which the following are samples:

- "Head of all the Holy Churches"
- "Chief of the Universal Church"
- "Vicar of Christ"
- "Key-bearer of the Kingdom of Heaven"
- "Ruler of the House of the Lord"
- "High Priest, Supreme Bishop"
- "Head of all the Holy Priests of God"
- "Christ by Union"
- "Infallible Pope"



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also invite correspondence from those desir-  
ing Christian counsel.Satan would have the people believe  
that the Pope is an absolute autocrat who  
has the power to make laws and to ignore  
all laws of others, even God's law. The  
following, from Fox's Acts and Monuments,  
by H. G. Guinness, is also of interest:

"I am all in all, and above all, so that  
God himself, and I, the vicar of God, have  
both one consistory, and I am able to do  
almost all that God can do. In all things  
that I list my will is to stand for  
reason, for I am able by the law to dis-  
pense above the law, and of wrong to make  
justice in correcting laws and changing them.  
Wherefore, if those things that I do be  
said not to be done of man, but of God—  
WHAT CAN YOU MAKE ME BUT GOD? Again,  
if prelates of the church be called and counted  
of Constantine for gods, I then, being above all  
prelates, seem by this reason to be ABOVE  
ALL GODS. Wherefore, no marvel if I  
bein my power to change time, and times,  
to alter and abrogate laws, to dispense  
with all things, yea, with the precepts  
of Christ."

## COUNTERFEIT MILLENNIUM.

Jehovah provided that when all the  
members of the bride of Christ have been  
elected, then the union of Christ and his  
bride shall take place and his Millennium  
shall begin for the blessing of mankind,  
which time is now near at hand. The  
"Seed" of promise will then begin the  
blessing of the families of earth. Satan  
brought forth his "Seed" as the counterfeit  
of the Christ, hoping to get ahead of  
God. The Pope, as the head of the system,  
together with his "little flock"—the  
clergy—asserts that the Millennium  
began in A. D. 800 and continued  
until the year 1800, when the system re-  
ceived a severe blow at the hand of  
Napoleon Bonaparte. The Scriptures  
show that at the end of Christ's Millennium  
reign there is to be a "little season" when  
Satan is to be loosed. Papacy claims  
that the "little season" is from the year  
1800 until now. In fact, a comparison  
shows that the Papal system is a counterfeit  
of Messiah's kingdom and that it constitutes  
the "Seed" of Satan, being designated in the Scrip-  
tures under the title "Babylon, the  
mother of harlots"; and that the  
Protestant systems, dominated by  
the clergy, constitute the "daughters."  
—Revelation 17:5.

TRUTH AND FALSEHOOD CON-  
TRASTED

The fact that God has designated these  
systems as Babylon does not mean that  
all the people in the systems are bad.  
On the contrary, the Lord shows that in  
these systems many of his true saints have  
been developed. It is the system,  
dominated by an ambitious clergy,  
that the Lord designates as the "Seed"  
of Satan. It is the clergy who promulgate  
and teach the doctrines. For many centuries  
the clergy have supported Satan's lie: "Ye shall  
not surely die."—There is no death, etc.

Both Papal and Protestant clergy have taught  
the doctrine of inherent immortality of all souls  
and the doctrine of eternal torment. The Lord's  
Word teaches that when a man dies he is dead.  
"The wages of sin is death." (Romans 6:23)  
"The soul that sinneth it shall die." (Ezekiel 18:20)  
When a man is dead, he is unconscious. "There is no  
work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom,  
in the grave, whither thou goest." (Ecclesiastes 9:10)  
"His breath goeth forth; he returneth to his earth;  
in that very day his thoughts perish." (Psalm,  
146:4) The "hell" of the Bible is the grave, the  
tomb; and all who die go to hell and remain  
there until the resurrection. Even Jesus  
went to hell (the grave, the tomb), as plainly  
stated in Psalm 16:10, Acts 2:27 and elsewhere.

Without the lie of Satan  
it would have been abso-  
lutely impossible ever to  
fasten upon thinking  
people the doctrine of  
purgatory, which has been  
such a fruitful source of  
revenue for Papacy; like-  
wise the doctrine of the  
mass, which the Lord  
himself styles as an abom-  
ination (Matthew 24:15),  
would have been unques-  
tionably rejected; the doc-  
trine of eternal torture,  
and other kindred doc-  
trines, would never have  
been believed. By these false  
doctrines Satan has deceived millions and  
"blinded the minds of them which believe  
not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of  
Christ, who is the image of God, should  
shine unto them."—2 Corinthians 4:4.

In order to keep the people in ignorance,  
Satan induced his "Seed" to enact laws  
limiting the use of the Bible to the clergy  
class. The people were not permitted to  
think independently and knew nothing of  
Bible study. The result was that dark-  
ness filled the earth and gross darkness  
settled down upon the people.

SATAN SEES DOMINION THROUGH  
HIS "SEED"

Early in the Christian era, church and  
state were united, and the Papal system  
assumed temporal power, and for many  
years the "Seed" of Satan exercised this  
power and dominated the world. It was  
an autocratic power, seeking to control  
the people against their own interest.  
Satan has never been able to gain  
dominion and control where pure  
democracy exists. Be it noted that  
autocracy and wickedness and per-  
secution go hand in hand. Thus does  
history record. This unholy union is  
publicly acknowledged and illustrated by  
a famous picture in the Chapter House  
at Florence, Italy. The picture shows the  
Emperor and the Pope seated side by side  
upon a throne, and descending from each  
by steps the various officers of the em-  
pire; on the Emperor's side, generals,  
etc., and on the Pope's side, bishops,  
the clergy, etc.

## WAR BETWEEN THE "SEEDS"

Jehovah's Prophet, referring to the  
"Seed" of Satan, particularly the Papal  
head, said: "He shall speak great words  
against Jehovah, and shall wear out the  
saints of the Most High." (Daniel 7:25)  
Every means that could possibly be  
thought of has been employed by the  
"Seed" of Satan to crush out the very  
spirit of true Christianity and to sub-  
stitute the doctrines and forms of the  
Antichrist. This persistent warring and  
wearing out are well illustrated in the in-  
stitution of the confessional, the inquisi-  
tion, secret spying systems, and other  
means of persecution.

Exactly in conformity to Jehovah's  
statement, there has ever been enmity  
between the "Seed" according to the  
promise and the "Seed of the serpent."  
Papal ecclesiasticism, backed by the  
state, or civil power of Rome, began an  
open and relentless persecution of the  
saints in the sixth century. The execution  
of history is blackened by what followed.  
In 1204, the heinous inquisition came  
into vogue and, in the name of religion,  
murder stalked about in the earth, and  
the blood of Christians flowed freely.  
This wicked persecution can be accounted  
for only according to the Scriptural state-  
ment as the effort of Satan to destroy  
the "Seed" of promise that would bring  
blessings to mankind. Satan used his  
own "Seed" in the attempt to wear out  
and destroy the "Seed" of promise.

## THE REFORMATION

In the year 1517, the good and great  
Martin Luther vehemently protested  
against the unrighteous course pursued  
by the "Seed" of Satan. All students of  
history are familiar with the persecution  
that followed and how the Lord blessed  
Luther's efforts in establishing many of  
the saints of God in the true faith. The  
Protestant church was established; but  
with its establishment the Adversary  
again sowed his seeds of wickedness,  
and in the course of time, ambitious  
clergymen in all the Protestant systems  
were teaching Satan's first and  
famous lie—the doctrine of inherent  
immortality and the kindred doctrine  
of eternal torture, mixing politics and  
religion, civil with ecclesiastical pow-  
ers; and thus Satan developed his  
"Seed" in the Protestant system  
amongst the true saints of God. The  
persecution of others in the name of  
religion is too well known to our readers  
to need repetition here. God permitted  
all this persecution for a good purpose.  
It resulted in the development of true and  
loyal servants of the Lord, who by these  
trying experiences have demonstrated  
their love for God and for his cause of  
righteousness above everything else. They  
have thus been enabled to develop and  
manifest a character pleasing to the Lord,  
and such as he will be able to use in carry-  
ing blessings to the groaning creation.

For a thousand years, Satan exercised  
a free hand in controlling the kings of  
earth through his "Seed," the Papacy.

vation is the ransom sacrifice—that Jesus  
Christ, by the grace of God, tasted death  
for every man. (1 Timothy 2:5, 6; He-  
brews 2:9). Pastor Russell plainly proved  
from the Scriptures that death is the result  
of sin; that the only way that leads to  
life is through the merit of the sacrifice of  
our Lord; that the "Seed" of promise, the  
Church, has been in course of develop-  
ment during the Gospel age, and when in-  
stalled, restitution blessings will be offered  
to all the remainder of mankind through  
this "Seed." God used him to turn thou-  
sands of people back to the Bible and to  
bring comfort to their hearts. Since then,  
Pastor Russell and those joining with him  
in this work have gladly, as a sacrifice to  
themselves, sent the Gospel message to  
all parts of the world. This has greatly  
angered Satan; and for the past twenty  
years he has specially pitted his  
"Seed" against these faithful follow-  
ers of the great Master. Satan has  
united practically all denominations  
in persecuting Pastor Russell and his  
associates. He has diligently em-  
ployed the Clergy, a Catholic Secret  
Order, and other similar organiza-  
tions in this persecution throughout  
the earth.

## THE KAISER AND THE POPE

Satan realized that he must, if possible,  
get the Papacy back into power. Austria  
was already dominated by the Papacy.  
Satan now saw a willing tool in the  
autocratic German Kaiser. Twenty  
years ago, Emperor William declared  
his purpose of restoring the Pope to  
his original power. His statement at  
that time, given wide publication by the  
press, was published by Pastor Russell  
in The Watch Tower, as follows:

"Emperor Wilhelm of Germany in a  
recent speech is reported to have said:

"The Pope is the spiritual ruler of the  
largest communion on earth, and he is  
by far the most powerful and authori-  
tative of spiritual rulers. His word is  
promptly and willingly obeyed by hun-  
dreds of millions of people spread through-  
out the globe. He can order and direct  
the consciences of these multitudes. He  
can say: These are your religious tenets;  
those must be your social sentiments; and  
suddenly he is obeyed. His power there-  
fore for good is immeasurable.

"Kings and emperors are the divinely  
ordained guardians of social order and  
directors of social well-being, just as the  
leaders of religious bodies are the divinely  
ordained moderators of conscience. But  
just as kings and emperors can have their  
beneficent influence in the religious order,  
so can spiritual guides help and promote  
the social weal.

"The Pope's range of power is the vast-  
est of all, and consequently the possibi-  
lities of the good he may do are the most  
far-reaching. I think it imperative  
therefore that he be put in a position  
to freely accomplish all the good of  
which he is capable. He must be  
liberated from his self-imposed im-  
prisonment in the Vatican. All the  
trammels that surround and harass  
him in his daily life must be removed,  
so that he will then be at liberty to  
fight the common enemies, Socialism  
and Irreligion. Then he will be in a  
position to make his voice heard in the  
interests of peace, when nations go to  
war without just motive, and in the  
interest of humanity, when acts of  
cruelty or injustice are being any-  
where committed.

"I have meditated long and deeply on  
this subject. The fact that it preoccupies  
me so much convinces me that I am in-  
spired to take action in the matter.  
It is like one of the voices that Socrates  
had about with him, which whispers in  
my ear that this also is my mission to  
remedy the Pope's position and open up  
the field for his range of well-doing. It  
daily urges me to act. Whether I shall  
succeed or not it is beyond my power to  
foretell. Judging from the circumstances,  
there is every evidence that  
success should not be outside  
the bounds of possi-  
bility. I am going to do  
my utmost, and more than  
this no man can do.

"I feel for the moment  
that I have no other con-  
crete and practical mission  
before me. To succeed in  
such an undertaking would  
be a climax and a crowning  
worthy of any man's life.  
As I say, I will em-  
phatically attempt it. The  
small preternatural  
voice unmistakably spurs  
me on, and I think that  
this no better augury of  
success could be desired.

"For this moment I can  
say no more, and it does  
not behoove me to be too  
explicit about my plans.  
They are already laid, and  
my immediate actions will  
be a development of them.  
Their results will be their  
justification, and it will  
also be the justification of  
many acts in the past,  
which may have seemed  
strange and unaccountable  
to my good Protestant  
subjects, but which had  
their motive and their  
origin in a desire to ac-  
complish great and endur-  
ing events.

"I shall not die until  
my ends in this regard are  
attained. Death other-  
wise would find a void in  
my existence; and I feel  
within me that I have not  
been born in vain."

## STRANGE BEDFELLOWS

The recent action of the Pope, when the  
German autocrat was driving back the  
armies of Italy, is good proof that the  
Papal head and the Kaiser have an under-  
standing. The numerous attempts of the  
Pope to bring about peace is another  
proof of such understanding, and that he  
is trying to carry out exactly what  
Emperor William set forth in the above  
statement. Furthermore, close ob-  
serving people have for years noticed  
the desire of Papacy to control

American institutions. We now warn  
the American people who love liberty  
and religious freedom to beware of  
the subtle power of the Papacy, work-  
ing under cover, to control America  
through its various channels and or-  
ganizations. It is the work of the  
wily Adversary. Thousands of good  
people in the Protestant churches of  
America have been asleep, while their  
shepherds—the clergy—ambitious for  
power and recognition, have been  
deliberately selling them into the  
hands of the Papacy. Hence the com-  
bined forces of the Catholic and Protes-  
tant systems, constituting the "Seed" of  
Satan, join in the persecution of those  
who now proclaim the truth, and be it  
known that this persecution on their part  
will increase to the extent of their power.  
But before they accomplish all their  
wicked purposes, we deem it a duty to  
sound this solemn warning to the people.

## WHAT IS BABYLON?

The word "Babylon" originally meant  
gateway to God. Afterward, in derision,  
it came to signify confusion, because at  
Babel the language of man was confused.  
The ancient city of Babylon typified  
Babylon. Mystic Babylon is described  
in Revelation 17:1-8 as "Babylon the  
great, the mother of harlots and abomi-  
nations of the earth." The Papal system  
is the mother of harlots. The term  
"mother of harlots" signifies her daughters  
are likewise harlots. In the larger sense,  
then, the word applies to ecclesiasticism  
as a whole—the Catholic and Protestant  
systems—not the people. Harlotry  
means the unlawful relationship be-  
tween ecclesiastical and civil powers.  
The Lord here foretold that the "Seed  
of the serpent" would spill the blood of the  
true saints, saying, "I saw the woman  
drunken with the blood of the saints and  
with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus."  
Throughout the greater part of the Gospel  
age, the "Seed of the woman," the saints,  
have been in captivity to Babylon. Many  
are still there, and to these we sound this  
warning. The Lord foretold that the  
separation and deliverance would take  
place at the end of the Gospel age, which  
is designated as a harvest time. This har-  
vest began, according to the Scripture  
chronology, in 1878. Since then, the true  
saints of the Lord, whether in the Papal  
or Protestant systems, have been fleeing  
out of Babylon and being gathered by the  
Lord into a condition of closer fellowship  
with him.

## DEMONS IN BABYLON

The Scriptures also indicate that there  
will be marvellous activity amongst the  
demons at the end of the Gospel age. We  
are now in that time. Jesus declared their  
deceptions would be such that, if it were  
possible, even the elect (the promised  
"Seed") would be deceived. But God will  
not permit this deception to prevail. Re-  
ferring to the close of the age, the Revelator  
said, "Babylon the great is fallen, and is  
become the habitation of devils" (demons).  
(Revelation 18:2) These  
demons, working under Satan, the chief  
of devils, have found a fertile field of  
operation in Babylon. It is a well-known  
fact that the Czar of Russia was under  
the wicked influence of the demons, who  
operated on his mind for years through  
Raspoutine the pro-German medium to be-  
tray and wreck Russia in favor of the Kaiser.  
The Czar was head of the Greek Church, a  
part of Babylon—a part of the "Seed" of  
Satan. The foregoing statement of the  
Kaiser shows that he hears the voice  
of the demons speaking to him, which  
spurs him on to make a great effort to  
restore the Pope to temporal power.

In recent years clergymen have been  
accepting spiritualism, or demonism.  
Bishop Fallows, of the Reformed Epis-  
copal Church, discussing it recently, says:  
"In the years to come the science of com-  
munication with the dead will be made a  
part of the curriculum of great educa-  
tional institutions. I have called the new  
science 'Immortality' because it depends  
for its existence upon the immortality of  
the soul, in which we all believe, and the  
preservation of identity beyond the  
grave." Both Catholic and Protestant  
systems adhere strictly to the doctrine  
of inherent immortality. They now adopt  
spiritualism, claiming to communicate  
with the dead, as conclusive proof of their  
position. By doing this, they accept  
the lie that Satan told—"Ye shall not  
surely die"—and deny God and Jesus  
and the teachings of all the apostles.

Accepting the devil's falsehood, many  
men of great mental capacity have been  
deceived; among them such men as  
Sir Oliver Lodge, Sir A. Conan Doyle, Stead,  
Fink, Crookes, Meyers, Gurney, Hodg-  
son, and many others. They get responses  
from the ouija board, the planchette; they  
hear voices and mark many other phenom-  
ena, which "proves" to them that they  
are communicating with the dead. With-  
out a doubt they see and hear all this  
demonstration, but they are not com-  
municating with the spirits of dead  
men. They are communicating with the  
evil demons above described. The honesty  
of these men is not questioned, yet their  
"proof" falls flat if we accept the  
Bible as true. The great majority of  
the clergy of Babylon, however, are  
higher critics and evolutionists, and  
therefore repudiate the inspiration of  
the Scriptures and refuse the Bible's  
testimony. William E. Coleman in  
The Progressive Thinker, the chief organ  
of Spiritualism in America, says: "Spiritual-  
ism destroys all fear of death. Death is  
shown to be a blessing." To this the  
clergy agree. The Bible, on the contrary,  
says that death is an enemy: "For [Christ]  
must reign till he hath put all enemies  
under his feet; the last enemy that shall  
be destroyed is death." (1 Corinthians  
15:25, 26) Further quoting Mr. Coleman:  
"The dogmas of the vicious atone-  
ment and the forgiveness of sins are over-  
thrown by Spiritualism." Satan has al-  
ways sought to overthrow this vital truth.  
The overwhelming majority of modern  
clergymen reject the doctrine of the  
vicarious atonement, denying that  
the blood of Jesus bought the human  
race. Continuing, Mr. Coleman says:  
"Liberal Christianity, Universalism, Unitar-  
ianism, etc., sorely wounded the devil,  
but spiritualism completely killed him  
and buried him out of sight, beyond all  
hope of resurrection." And this most of  
the clergymen accept as truth, denying  
the existence of a personal savior. Thus the  
devil is practising camouflage! By mak-  
ing it appear that he no longer exists,  
while in reality he is playing his last

card in his effort to deceive and to  
destroy the "Seed" of promise. Satan  
knows we have reached the end of the  
world. He is making his last desperate  
stand to control the earth. He is  
using all the members of his "Seed"  
in this titanic effort. Through the  
Pope and the Kaiser he seeks to over-  
run the world. He plays his children,  
the clergy, to deceive and draw away  
the minds of the people from the  
Bible. His subjects, the demons, now  
being loosed from prison, and inhab-  
iting Babylon, will produce a great  
cataclysm; and every nation that is  
controlled by Satan's "Seed" will  
fall into the "great tribulation" foretold  
by our Lord.

## THEIR JUDGMENT

As above shown, the judgment of these  
demons must take place at the end of the  
age. That judgment is now at hand; for  
the end of the age is here. The mighty  
men of Babylon (the clergy), having re-  
pudiated the Bible, God has permitted  
the demons to find in them a ready medium  
of operation. The enmity between the  
"Seed" of Satan and the "Seed of the  
woman" has reached a climax. The  
demons, finding a habitation in the minds  
of those who control Babylon and who  
constitute the "Soul" of Satan, will ex-  
ercise their every power to destroy the  
"Seed" of promise. Many will be sur-  
prised that the orthodox clergy of our day  
are thus ensnared. We are reminded that  
the clergy of Jesus' day find a parallel in  
the present time. The ecclesiastics of  
the Jewish system, the scribes and  
Pharisees, are duplicated in the clergy  
of the ecclesiastical systems of our  
time. These have denied the words of  
the Master, the blood of Jesus and the  
resurrection of the dead. They say the  
dead are not dead, and therefore cannot be  
resurrected; and since man is a creature  
of evolution, as they claim, they thereby  
deny the necessity of a ransomer. They  
have accepted Satan's lie in preference to  
God's truth. To them Jesus says, there-  
fore: "Why do you not understand my  
speech? Even because you cannot hear  
my word. Ye are of your father the devil,  
and the lusts of your father ye will do.  
He was a murderer from the beginning,  
and abode not in the truth, because there  
is no truth in him. When he speaketh a  
lie, he speaketh of his own; for he is a liar,  
and the father of it." (John 8:43, 44)  
Here Jesus definitely locates the class  
composing the "Seed" of Satan.

## THE HEEL TO BE BRUISED

Jehovah said that the "Seed of the Ser-  
pent" would bruise the heel of the "Seed  
of the woman." The "heel" means the  
last members of the body of Christ on  
earth—the last to pass within the veil of  
death. The world has now ended. The  
last members of the body of Christ have  
been sealed; and soon all will have finished  
their course. The Scriptures clearly in-  
dicate that Satan and his cohorts, the de-  
mons, inhabiting Babylon, will use his  
"Seed"—the willing ones of Babylon—to  
bruise the heel of the "Seed" of promise.  
The time is about due when these demons,  
taking possession and control of the sys-  
tem, will so influence the minds of the  
clergy that they will endeavor to enlist  
the civil authorities in the persecution of  
any one who dares call their theories in  
question. And failing thus to accomplish  
their purpose, they will then locke  
lawless to mob violence, in utter disregard  
of law and order. Controlling the minds  
of those who remain in Babylon, the de-  
mons will induce them to believe that  
the destruction of Christians is not only  
justifiable, but the same as doing God  
service. Satan and the demons will take  
a fiendish delight in the killing of Chris-  
tians, believing that at last success has  
crowned the efforts of the "Seed of the  
serpent" against the "Seed of the woman"  
according to God's promise.

But again Satan will be defeated; be-  
cause the death of the saintly ones will be  
their triumph. As the Apostle declares,  
they shall not sleep, but shall be changed  
in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye.  
They shall be "caught away" (literally,  
removed by violence) to meet the Lord  
and be forever with him.—1 Corinthians  
15:51, 52; 1 Thessalonians 4:17.

The last members of the church having  
been taken away, the peoples of the world  
will be awakened to the fact that the nominal  
church system (Babylon) is the "Seed"  
of Satan; and then, as shown by the  
Scriptures, "a mighty angel [the common  
people] took up a stone like a great mil-  
lstone [temporarily elevated ecclesiastical-  
ism to great height and cast it into the sea]  
(overwhelmed ecclesiasticism in a  
great time of destruction). This is the  
final cataclysm or time of trouble to which  
the Prophet Daniel referred and which  
Jesus also mentioned.—See Daniel 12:1;  
Matthew 24:21.

CAUSE OF RELIGIOUS INTOL-  
ERANCE

Once understanding the two seeds—  
the "Seed of the woman" and the "Seed  
of the serpent"—and that there has been  
enmity and conflict between them from  
Eden until now, all religious intolerance  
and persecution in the name of reli-  
gion is made clear. Millions of honest  
people have been duped by Satan's decep-  
tive schemes. These facts are set forth  
calmly and dispassionately, and not with  
any feeling of enmity; they are not stated  
to injure any one, but that the people may  
be enlightened at this time of great crisis.  
Every Christian will put away any feeling  
of animosity and hatred, and realizing  
the cause of conditions in the earth, will  
rejoice at the evidence of the near com-  
plete triumph of the "Seed" of promise—  
The Christ. The kingdom of heaven is  
at hand!

## GLIMPSES OF GLORY

Turn your mind away from the scenes  
of carnage and destruction, persecution,  
wickedness and sorrow, and by the eye of  
faith behold the longed-for kingdom of  
God coming into power. Looking ahead  
a little, we see Satan bound; the demons  
forever destroyed; wickedness and crime  
no more permitted. The law goes forth  
from The Christ and the word of God  
from Jerusalem. The people are turned  
to peaceful vocations; they beat their  
swords into ploughshares and their spears  
into pruning hooks. No more shall they  
know war. The dead are being resur-  
rected and are returning from the land of  
the enemy—the condition of death. They  
are coming to Christ with songs of ever-  
lasting joy upon their heads, and sorrow  
and sighing are fleeing away. (Isaiah

22-4; 35:1-10) The grand finale of this  
wonderful drama marks the close of the  
Millennial reign of Christ. Every man  
in all the earth, or that has ever lived on  
the earth, shall have had a fair and im-  
partial trial for life; the wilfully wicked  
destroyed forever; and the obedient ones  
fully restored to health, strength, perfec-  
tion of body and mind, and their hearts  
filled with joy.

## WHY THE CHURCHES FAILED

The peoples of earth are now in the great  
transitory period. The greatest crisis of  
all time is upon the human race. Many are  
asking, Why has Christianity failed? Why  
should this great war come when we have  
so many churches and like organizations?  
The answer is found in the fact that  
Christians in the church systems have  
been overreached by Satan, and his  
"Seed" has there predominated and  
controlled. The clergy have repudi-  
ated the Bible, they have turned the  
people away from it; their religion  
has been merely a veneer and could  
not regenerate the heart. The spirit  
of Christ alone can bring regeneration.

But let no true Christian at this hour  
be discouraged or dismayed. It is a time  
for all such to be calm and sober-minded,  
to watch and pray. Be strong in faith,  
and remember the Master's words: "He  
that endureth to the end, the same shall  
be saved." To the order-loving people of  
the world the Prophet of the Lord says:  
"Seek meekness, seek righteousness; it  
may be that ye shall be hid in the day of  
the Lord's anger." Go quickly to your  
Bible and prove that the foregoing state-  
ment is true; and learning it to be true,  
you will be able to see, shining beyond the  
darkness that now enshrouds the earth,  
the light of hope, the Messianic Kingdom.

KINGDOM PROPHECY  
FULFILLED

The disciples asked the Lord Jesus what  
would be the proof of the end of the world  
(or age), of his second coming, and of the  
setting up of his kingdom. He cited  
many things as proof in answer to their  
question; one of the strongest being that  
when the Jews returned to Jerusalem,  
such would be certain proof that his  
kingdom was being set up. Referring to  
the Jews, he said, "They shall fall by the  
edge of the sword and shall be led away  
captive into all nations; and Jerusalem  
shall be trodden down of the Gentiles  
until the times of the Gentiles be  
fulfilled."

The "Gentile times" have ended and the  
Jews have returned to Palestine exactly  
on time. The Scriptures show a parallel  
between the Jewish and the Gospel ages.  
The Jewish age began with the death of  
Jacob; and God's favor began to be with-  
drawn from the Israelites at the time of  
the Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem  
in 33 A.D.—exactly 1845 years after the  
birth of the Jewish nation. Forty years  
later, in the Spring of 73 A.D., the last  
bulwark of Israel's liberty fell. By the  
mouth of three prophets, Isaiah, Jeremiah  
and Zachariah, God foretold that the  
Jews would be cast off and remain out of  
God's favor the same length of time that  
they had enjoyed his favor. Counting,  
then, 1845 years from 33 A.D. (the time  
they began to lose God's favor), brings us  
to 1878 A.D., which marks the end of  
the "double" or duplication of time and  
the date when his favor should begin to  
return to them.

Exactly on time, in June 1878, the  
Berlin Congress convened, over which  
Dr. Israel (Lord Beaconsfield), a Jew, the  
Prime Minister of Great Britain, presided.  
The treaty arranged at that gathering  
resulted in Turkey granting to the orthodox  
Jews certain civil and religious privileges  
in Palestine which they had not enjoyed  
from the time they were driven out by the  
Romans.

Shortly thereafter, the Zionist move-  
ment was organized, the object of which  
has been to regain possession of Palestine  
and reestablish the Jews. At the begin-  
ning of the war, the Zionists insisted that  
they should be taken into consideration  
whenever a treaty would be made. When  
the Allied armies captured Jerusalem from  
the Turks, the British Government,  
through its cabinet, expressed a willing-  
ness for the Jews to establish an inde-  
pendent government in Palestine. This  
desire was concurred in by the United  
States. Early in March, 1918, a com-  
mission sailed from London with the  
expectation of landing in Jerusalem and  
beginning the new government on the  
27th day of March, the Jewish Passover  
anniversary; and that commission is now  
in Palestine establishing the government.  
Many thousand orthodox Jews have re-  
turned to Palestine. Mark, then, the  
exact parallel: 1878 the beginning of the  
return of favor; exactly forty years after-  
ward the Jews are back in Palestine. The  
Kingdom of Heaven, for which Christians  
have long prayed, is here! Within a few  
years everybody will recognize it. There  
is a special blessing for those who accept it  
early.

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